

REMARKS*The Pending Claims*

Claims 20, 25, 27, and 35 have been amended and claim 23 has been cancelled. Thus, claims 20-22 and 24-35 are currently pending in the application.

Summary of the Office Action

The Office Action dated May 18, 2011, included the following rejections and objections:

1. Claims 20-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.
2. Claim 35 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.
3. Claims 20 and 34-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lino et al. (US Patent 6,142,520).

Discussion of the Rejections

Claims 20-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have amended claim 20 to describe a coating system having a first layer and a second layer with the first layer closer to the fabric than the second layer. The first layer comprises polyurethane (justification - page 5 lines 12-15 and page 6 lines 6-8). The second layer does not contain silicone (justification - page 5 line 18 – page 6 line 5).

Claim 35 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 35 has been amended to refer to the entire coating system.

Claims 20 and 34-35 were rejected as being anticipated by Lino et al. The limitations of claim 23 have been added to claim 20.

Conclusion

In view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection and to pass the subject application to allowance. In the event that the Examiner believes that the claims would be allowable

with minor changes, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss an Examiner's Amendment.

Fee Authorization: In the event that there are additional fees associated with the submission of these papers, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to withdraw those fees from our Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

Extension of Time: In the event that additional time is required to have the papers submitted herewith for the above referenced application to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for any additional time required to make these papers timely and authorization is hereby granted to withdraw any additional fees necessary for this additional time from our Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

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